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FEE DEFICIENCY SUBMISSION PERSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.28

Dear Sir:

This is in response to a letter from the Office of Petitions mailed 15 November 2010. Please consider this an assertion pursuant to 37 CFR 1.28(c) that the Applicants of the above-mentioned patent would like to be considered a large entity for the payment of maintenance fees. The first maintenance fee due on 6 August 2010 was inadvertently paid as a small entity. The deficiency of payment was requested on 1 September 2010 for USD 490.00 and was acknowledged by the PTO in the letter dated 15 November 2010.

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